

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (currently amended): A method of controlling a data communication apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

controlling the data communication apparatus to send image data selected by a user to a printer via a serial bus, the image data being sent from the data communication apparatus in response to entering a send instruction into the data communication apparatus;

controlling the data communication apparatus to inhibit, invalidate or ignore a predetermined user instruction other than a halt instruction while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer;

controlling the data communication apparatus to ~~notify a user with a warning message~~ halt transmission of the image data in response to entering ~~of the predetermined user~~ halt instruction into the data communication apparatus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer; and

controlling the data communication apparatus to stop inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring the predetermined user instruction in response to disconnecting of the data communication apparatus from the serial bus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer.

Claim 31 (canceled).

Claim 32 (previously presented): A method according to claim 30, wherein the data communication apparatus is an apparatus including a camera unit.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A method according to claim 30, wherein the serial bus conforms to IEEE 1394 standards.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A data communication apparatus comprising:
a data communication unit that sends image data selected by a user to a printer via a serial bus, the image data being sent from the data communication unit in response to entering a send instruction into the data communication apparatus; and
a control unit that (a) inhibits, invalidates or ignores a predetermined user instruction other than a halt instruction while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer, ~~[[and]]~~ (b) halts transmission of the image data in response to entering of the halt instruction into the data communication apparatus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer, and (c) stops inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring the predetermined user instruction in response to disconnecting of the data communication apparatus from the serial bus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer, ~~wherein the control unit notifies a user with a warning message in response to entering the predetermined user instruction into the data communication apparatus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer.~~

Claim 35 (canceled).

Claim 36 (previously presented): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the data communication apparatus is an apparatus including a camera unit.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the serial bus conforms to IEEE 1394 standards.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A method according to claim 30, wherein the predetermined user instruction includes an instruction to change a mode of the data communication apparatus to another mode.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the predetermined user instruction includes an instruction to change a mode of the data communication apparatus to another mode.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of:

controlling the data communication apparatus to stop inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring of the predetermined user instruction in response to receiving notice from the printer that the image data is printed.

Claim 41 (previously presented): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the control unit stops inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring the predetermined user instruction in response to receiving notice from the printer that the image data is printed.

Claim 42 (new): A method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of:

controlling the data communication apparatus to notify a user with a warning message in response to entering of the predetermined user instruction into the data communication apparatus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer.

Claim 43 (new): A data communication apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the control unit notifies a user with a warning message in response to entering of the predetermined user instruction into the data communication apparatus, while the image data is being sent to the printer and while the image data is being printed by the printer.